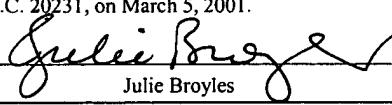


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 5 September 2000, time for response to which was set to expire 5 October 2000. A petition for an extension of time of five (5) months until 5 March 2001 in which to respond is attached hereto along with the required fee. Restriction was required as well as an election of species.

Applicants understand that certain claims have been withdrawn from consideration in view of applicants' prior election to prosecute the claims of Group I, directed to peptide compositions. In the present restriction requirement, the applicants are required to elect a single peptide disclosed in the specification, but, as applicants understand it, should that specific peptide prove patentable, generic claims would be examined up to the point of the various

subspecies set forth in paragraph 5 of the current restriction requirement. Accordingly, applicants elect to prosecute the peptides of paragraph 5d - a peptide attached to a Pan DR epitope. The claims have been restricted accordingly and claims not reading on this subgroup are no longer present in the application.

Applicants hereby cancel all pending claims in the application herein and request examination on the following claims:

AMENDMENT

Please replace the previous claims with the following claims: